Rama Varmha Tampuran:—Probably they may not go there.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Then how can you have the number of industrial workers in the State. What is the nature of the Survey ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— The survey is not going to be so very exhaustive. The idea has been always to select a few representative villages and do intnsive survey in those villages. The Hon'ble Member cannot epect the Government to do a survey co-extensive with the area of the State.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon:—Are the towns excluded from the scope of the survey ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— No.

Applicants for the Law Reporter's Post.

337. Mr. P. Krishna Menon:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of applications before the Government, when the post was last filled up;

(b) was not Mr. P. Gopala Menon, B. A., L. L. B., Chief Court Vakil, an applicant for the post;

(c) has not the Government informed him as late as 7th July 1934 that his claims will be considered when vacancy arises;

(d) is the Government not aware that he is the author of "The Digest of Cochin Case Law", the first and only work of its kind in Cochin;

(e) is not Mr. P. Gopala Menon senior in the bar to Mr. C. L. George, the latest appointee;

(f) what were the additional qualifications of Mr C. L. George which the Government thinks Mr. P. Gopala Menon is not possessed of and which were the basis of the preference given to Mr. C. L. George ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—(a) Only two applications were received; others personally applied for the post.

(b), (c), (d) and (e). Yes.

(f) As a matter of policy it is not desirable to discuss in public the qualifications of gentlemen who have intimated their desire to serve the State.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— May I know who are two applicants. Was it the two gentlemen referred to in the question?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— Yes, they were the applicants.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthasan:— Was the case of Mr. Gopala Menon considered at the time of the appointment ?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran:— Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— Is it a fact that he was given to understand that his claims will be considered when vacancy arises ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— What stood in the way of the Government considering the case of Mr. Gopala Menon when the actual vacancy arose ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— When individual petitions are received Government always reply that it will be considered at the time of the vacancy.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri:— The present appointment is the result of that consideration ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— Yes.

Services of notices on merchants under the provisions of the Cochin Plague Regulations.

338. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) if they are aware of the fact that the Chairman and Plague Officer, Mattancheri has served notices on merchants under the porvisions of Regulations IV and XVIII of the Cochin Plague Regulations IX and XVIII of the Cochin Plague Regulations;

(b) if so, will they be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the dates of service of the notices, and the door numbers of the premises;

(c) have all the above notices been complied with ;

(d) if not, did the Government go into the question to find out as to why the recipients have not been able to respond to the notices and with what result?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:—(a) Yes.

(b) A statement containing the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix III*).

(c) No.

(d) No Government have had no occasion to do so.

339. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) if they are aware of the fact that notices directing the public of Mattancheri to take permits from the Plague Officer, Mattancheri, before they take dead bodies to the British Cochin for cremation have been circulated in Mattancheri;

(b) if these notices were issued as a result of the Sub-divisional

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